

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph **[0041]** as follows:

[0041] User agent 11 now transmits a request message, such as an INVITE message 27, to the reserved resource 13, in response to which the resource 13 sends an acknowledgement, such as a 200 OK message 28, to user agent 11. The server ~~19~~₁₂ and resource 13 are able to communicate with each other. In this way, the server can acquire authentication information obtained by the resource from a user so that each user can be authenticated before being allowed to join the conference. For example, it may be desirable to check that a user has a subscription enabling him to take part in conferences. Details of subscriptions could be contained in authentication information. Alternatively, or additionally, a user may be required to input a PIN for transmission to the resource 13 to confirm his identity for security reasons.